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Subject: RE: EPA Releases Fourth Set -- extra question

Alan -- This should answer your questions.

We have now completed sampling of 61 homes included in our assessment. (Data is only posted for 59 homes because there are two homes where we were not able to contact residents and provide them with data.)

To provide certainty to residents and ensure a thorough and accurate analysis, EPA will resample the four wells where previous Cabot and state data showed levels of contaminants that pose a health concern but where EPA's initial round of sampling data did not detect levels that would require action. EPA is also following-up with 3 homeowners who expressed interest in initial sampling but have not yet scheduled a time for the sampling to take place.

Once all of the sample results are complete, we will conduct a comprehensive review to determine if there are any trends or patterns in the data as it relates to home well water quality. Our actions will continue to be based on the best available science and legal authorities.

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Subject: RE: EPA Releases Fourth Set -- extra question

Thank you for this, Roy.

The statement does not say whether this completes the release of all of the test data. Is there something still to be released? Are results for two of the 61 tested wells still awaiting release?

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Subject: EPA Releases Fourth Set of Sampling Results for Dimock Wells

Alan -- Here is the EPA statement;

EPA has completed and shared with residents and Pennsylvania state officials the fourth set of sampling for 12 private drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. This set of sampling did not show levels of contaminants that would give EPA reason to take further action. At one well, EPA found an elevated level of methane and informed the resident, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna County Emergency Management Agency. Throughout EPA's work in Dimock, the Agency has used the best available scientific data to provide clarity to Dimock residents and address their concerns about the safety of their drinking water.

For more information on the sampling results, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/states/pa.html>

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Subject: questions on Dimock PA water testing

Roy,

EPA has released its fourth set of water sample results from drinking water wells in Dimock, Pa. Is there an announcement on this that I can receive? And a URL to the posted test results? I believe that EPA has again found that the water meets federal standards, right? That is what Cabot Oil and Gas Corp. is saying, anyway. The company says these results were released today.

I also left you a voicemail message to ask about this. I hope you can help. I need to meet a deadline later this afternoon.

I write for BNA's Daily Environment Report.

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